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SUBJ: GOP ELIMINATES CUSTOMS SURTAX

1. DECREE-LAW 574/74 OF OCT 31, 1974 HAS REVOKED
ART 4 OF DECREE-LAW 42656 OF NOV 18, 1959 WHICH
PLACED A 7 PERCENT CUSTOMS SURTAX ON DUTIES (WITH EXCEPTION
OF SOME SPECIFIED COMMODITIES) WHEN GOODS WERE CARRIED ON
VESSELS AND AIRCRAFT WHICH DIDNOT ENJOY MOST-FAVORED
NATION STATUS.

2. THE U.S. AND PORTUGAL'S OTHER MAJOR TRADING PARTNERS
WERE EXEMPT FROM THIS SURTAX, BUT THE EASTERN EUROPEAN
COUNTRIES AND MANY OTHERS WERE NOT. ACCORDING TO A
CUSTOMS OFFICIAL, THE SURTAX WAS ABOLISHED TO ELIMINATE
A DISCRIMINATORY MEASURE AFFECTING THE TRADE OF MANY
COUNTRIES WHO HAD SIGNED AGREEMENTS WITH PORTUGAL, AND
WAS NOT AN ACTION OF POLITICAL NATURE.

3. COMMENT: IT MAY BE MORE THAN COINCIDENCE THAT SURTAX
WAS ABOLISHED AT A TIME WHEN PORTUGAL IS MAKING EFFORTS TO
EXPAND TRADE WITH THE EASTERN BLOC.

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